बिना बारी के टेलीफोन कनेक्शन देना बंद किया जाना

507. **श्री दिग्विजय सिंह :**
श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल :

क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिना बारी के टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिए जाने की प्रथा समाप्त कर दी गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या संसद सदस्यों के कोटे से अभी भी बिना बारी के टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिए जा रहे हैं ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो किन बाध्यताओं के कारण सरकार संसद सदस्यों का टेलीफोन कनेक्शन कोटा वापस लेने का विचार रखती है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री पी० वी० रंगैया नायडू) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं । लेकिन इसे कुछ तकनीकी अड़चनों के कारण अस्थाई तौर पर मुल्तवी कर दिया गया है ।

(ग) जी, हां ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Telephone service in the country

508. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new Telephone connections that were effected in the years 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92, in the rural areas and urban areas throughout the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is inordinate delay in attending the faulty telephone connections to get them repaired;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to gear up the maintenance service;

(d) what is the total revenue collection for telephone services in the country; and

(e) what is the total expenditure of Telecom Department?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of new Telephone connections effected in the country are as follows:

	Rural	Urban
1989-90 . .	65,041	3,53,080
1990-91 . .	94,405	3,89,466
1991-92 . .	1,62,649	5,74,536

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The information is furnished in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) Total revenue collection from the telephone services excluding income from Telex and Telegram services in the whole country (including MTNL) is as follows:—

	(in Crores of Rs.)
1989-90	3082.40
1990-91	3651.34
1991-92 (Provisional) . .	4288.82

(e) The total expenditure of the department (including MTNL) is as follows:

	(Rs. in Crores)
(i) *Working Expenses*	
1989-90	2357.26
1990-91	2824.94
1991-92 (Provisional) . .	3106.13

(ii) *Capital Works*

1989-90	2596.14
1990-91	2772.67
1991-92 (Provisional) . .	3230.38

Statement

The instructions issued to all Heads of Circles in connection with faults repairs within 24 hours gives the details of the steps taken by the Government to gear up the Maintenance Service. In addition under Action Plan 'Mission Better Communication, the following steps are taken to provide better service to the subscriber.

(i) Replacement of old Telephone Instruments.

(2) Replacement of old and worn out Drop Wire upto subscriber premises.

(3) Replacement of over-head alignment by under-ground cable as practical and required.

(4) Replacement of fault prone underground cable by new ones.

(5) Replacement of old DPS by new D.P.S.

(6) Introduction of Ducts in External Plants to give protection to the cable.

(7) Proper upkeep of equipment, lines, telephone instruments and transmission systems.

Modernisation of postal system during Eighth Five Year Plan period

509. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minnister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to modernise the Indian Postal System during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For modernisation of Postal Services, the following steps are being taken, during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

1. Installation of automatic integrated mail processing system in Bombay, Delhi, Madras Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Calcutta.

2. There is a proposal for introduction of satellite money order in 75 locations spread over the country.

3. Computerisation of counters for providing multiple transactions at a single window, computerisation of saving bank and postal life insurance operations.

Mass transfer in DOT

510. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Financial Express of the 25th June, 1992 under the caption "Mass transfers in DOT" involving as many as 44 Joint Secretary level officers (Dy. Director General), almost paralysing the Telecom Sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there is undue delay in taking decision regarding the various tenders now under the last stages of finalisation in DOT; and

(d) if so, in what manner and by when the normal situation is likely to prevail so that work in DOT does not suffers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The orders cover the promotion of officers, posting of officers, returning from deputation, and transfer of long